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“INTERNET TERMINAL WITH
IDENTIFICATION MODULE”

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fees.

IN THE CLAIMS

3. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to claim 1, further comprising:
a means (14) for the wireless communication, preferably according to the DECT standard, with a base station (31),
wherein the terminal (11) sets up the connection via the means (14) for wireless communication.

4. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to claim 1, wherein the terminal (11) sets up the connection automatically after communication with the identification module (15).

5. (Amended) The Internet terminal (11) according to claim 1, wherein the terminal (11) sets up the connection via an internet service provider (22) determined by the configuration data.

6. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to claim 1, wherein the terminal (11) activates itself automatically for communication with the identification module (15) when the identification module (15) is coupled to the terminal (11).

7. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to claim 1, wherein the terminal (11) sets up the connection only after communication with an identification module (15) which contains key data enabling the terminal (11).

8. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to claim 1, wherein the identification module (15) is designed as a chip card.

9. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to claim 1, wherein the identification module (15) is designed as a transponder.

12. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to claim 10, wherein the configuration data comprise:

subscriber data identifying a user of the terminal (11).

13. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to claim 10, wherein the configuration data comprise:

key data which enable the terminal (11).

14. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to claim 10, wherein the configuration data comprise:

service data which specify enabled services.

15. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to claim 10, wherein the configuration data comprise:

payment data permitting a remuneration for the connection.

16. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to claim 10, wherein the configuration data comprise:

credit data which permit an actual accounting of the connection.

17. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to claim 10, wherein the identification module (15) is designed as a chip card.

18. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to claim 10, wherein the identification module (15) is designed as a transponder.

19. (Amended) An internet-based system (60) for disseminating information via a specific service provider (22) to a subscriber, the internet-based system comprising:

an identification module including configuration data; and

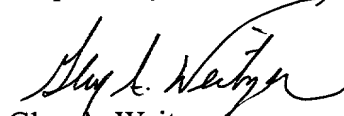
an internet terminal (11) including a touch-sensitive display (12) and, a means (13) for communication with the connectable identification module (15), wherein the internet terminal (11) receives the configuration data from the identification module (15) for a connection to the internet (21),

wherein the specific service provider provides access to the internet (21), the subscriber obtains data representative of the information via the access and evaluates the data by means of the internet terminal (11), and the internet terminal (11) obtains access to the internet (21) only in combination with the identification module (15) of the specific service provider.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependent claims and to conform to U.S. Patent Office practice. Please enter this amendment before calculating the filing fees.

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APPENDIX

3. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to claim 1 [or 2], further comprising:

a means (14) for the wireless communication, preferably according to the DECT standard, with a base station (31),
wherein the terminal (11) sets up the connection via the means (14) for wireless communication.

4. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3], wherein the terminal (11) sets up the connection automatically after communication with the identification module (15).

5. (Amended) The Internet terminal (11) according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 4], wherein the terminal (11) sets up the connection via an internet service provider (22) determined by the configuration data.

6. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 5], wherein the terminal (11) activates itself automatically for communication with the identification module (15) when the identification module (15) is coupled to the terminal (11).

7. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 6], wherein the terminal (11) sets up the connection only after communication with an identification module (15) which contains key data enabling the terminal (11).

8. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 7], wherein the identification module (15) is designed as a chip card.

9. (Amended) The internet terminal (11) according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 7], wherein the identification module (15) is designed as a transponder.

12. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to claim 10 [or 11], wherein the configuration data comprise:

subscriber data identifying a user of the terminal (11).

13. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to [any one of claims] claim 10 [to 12], wherein the configuration data comprise:

key data which enable the terminal (11).

14. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to [any one of claims] claim 10 [to 13], wherein the configuration data comprise:

service data which specify enabled services.

15. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to [any one of claims] claim 10 [to 14], wherein the configuration data comprise:

payment data permitting a remuneration for the connection.

16. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to [any one of claims] claim 10 [to 15], wherein the configuration data comprise:

credit data which permit an actual accounting of the connection.

17. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to [any one of claims] claim 10 [to 16], wherein the identification module (15) is designed as a chip card.

18. (Amended) The identification module (15) according to [any one of claims] claim 10 [to 16], wherein the identification module (15) is designed as a transponder.

19. (Amended) An internet-based system (60) for disseminating information via a specific service provider (22) to a subscriber, the internet-based system comprising:

an identification module including configuration data; and

an internet terminal (11) including a touch-sensitive display (12) and, a means (13) for communication with the connectable identification module (15), wherein the internet terminal (11) receives the configuration data from the identification module (15) for a connection to the internet (21).

wherein [:] the specific service provider provides access to the internet (21) [and an identification module (15) according to any one of claims 10 to 18;], the subscriber obtains data representative of the information via the access and evaluates the data by means of the [an] internet terminal (11) [according to any one of claims 1 to 9;], and the internet terminal (11) obtains access to the internet (21) only in combination with the identification module (15) of the specific service provider.

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